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Police

Exemption of Mr. Padmappa from Public service qualifications.

* 99 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased, with reference to the answer to question No. 1785, dated 23rd March 1928, (i) to place on the table of this House a statement showing the full qualifications, such as educational, departmental, length of service, etc., of the various sub-inspectors on duty in South Kanara on the date when Mr. Padmappa was granted exemption including the qualifications of Mr. Padmappa and (ii) to state—

(a) for what period the said Mr. Padmappa was serving as a head constable and under which of the sub-inspectors;

(b) on what date he was made a sub-inspector;

(c) to how many of the sub-inspectors aforesaid he was a junior;

(d) how long he was in the last grade of sub-inspectors and when he was promoted to the first grade all at once;

(e) how many and which of the other sub-inspectors had acted as inspectors and whether they were found competent or incompetent; if so, which of them; and

(f) whether the Government will call for the information and place on the table of the House the certificate of exemption in question?

A.—(i) & (ii) *(a) to (d)* The Government have no information; they have called for it.

(ii) (e) The Government will inquire as to the points raised in the first part of the question but must decline to enter into the comparative competence or incompetence of various officers.

(f) A copy of G.O. No. 1340, Public, dated 22nd December 1927, is laid on the table. [a]

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether the exemption in question does not do injustice to 32 sub-inspectors?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The question has already been decided, Sir."

Economic condition

Free supply of building materials to sufferers from fire accidents in Tiruvannamalai division.

* 100 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that serious and destructive fires broke out in Tiruvannamalai division, North Arcot district, recently;

(b) the number of fires since January last, the number of houses burnt down and the approximate value of property lost through these fires;

(c) whether Government gave any help to these sufferers in the matter of rebuilding their huts; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to investigate into the matter and order the free supply of building materials to the sufferers?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are aware that a fire occurred in Tiruvannamalai town on 8th January 1928 and that about 130 houses were destroyed. The value of the property lost has not been reported. The Government are not aware of any other fire in Tiruvannamalai division since January last.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Collector of North Arcot sanctioned the free grant of building materials to the value of Rs. 978-8-0 to the persons affected by the fire which broke out on 8th January 1928.

Forest Panchayats

Improvement of the supply of avaram bark.

* 101 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the forest panchayats have agreed to improve the supply of avaram bark;

(*b*) the steps taken by them to carry out their promise together with the cost they have incurred or are likely to incur thereby; and

(*c*) whether the Government have guaranteed to the panchayats to make good any loss they may incur as the result of their undertaking to improve the supply of avaram bark?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information and have called for a report.

General

Constitution of a separate Andhra province.

* 102 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any further steps have been taken by the Government of Madras in the matter of the constitution of a separate Andhra province beyond sending up to the Government of India the discussion in the Council;

(*b*) whether the Government of India have held any correspondence with the Government of Madras on this question since February 1928; and

(*c*) if so, what the correspondence is?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) The answer to clause (*b*) is in the negative.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether he is prepared once more to communicate with the Government of India and let this House know what has taken place with regard to the resolution of this House?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—" In regard to what, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—" Whether the Government of India has the matter under consideration, whether they have disposed it of, and, if they have disposed it of, in what manner?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—" No, Sir. The answer to the question is there."